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SUBJECT: ANGOLA - DOUBLING U.S. AIRLIFT

REF: LUANDA 1508

1. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE DOUBLING OF THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE ANGOLAN AIRLIFT TO A LEVEL OF ABOUT 1100-1200 EVACUEES PER DAY. IT IS INTENDED THAT THIS LEVEL OF OPERATION BE SUSTAINED UNTIL THERE ARE NO MORE REFUGEES TO BE EVACUATED OR UNTIL NOVEMBER 10, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DOUBLING WILL BE MADE IN WASHINGTON FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S MEETING ON
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OCTOBER 10 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES IN WHICH

HE INTENDS TO INFORM ANTUNES OF THE DECISION. THERE IS TO BE NO RPT NO MENTION TO FOREIGN NATIONALS OF OUR INTENTION TO DOUBLE UNTIL IT IS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY IN WASHINGTON.

3. DOD/MAC IS NOW PREPARING CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPANDED AIRLIFT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE DOUBLING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE EARLIEST ON OCTOBER 14 OR 15.

4. FOR LUANDA: TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM IMPACT FOR THE SECRETARY'S DECISION, IT IS HOPED THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND/OR THE STATE/AID TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THE MOST CRITICAL TECHNICAL OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS DESCRIBED REFTEL BY THE TIME DOUBLING IS IMPLEMENTED OCTOBER 14 OR 15. REQUEST YOU CABLE FULLER EXPLANATION OF PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED AND ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT DEPT OR EMBASSY LISBON MIGHT DO TO HELP. KISSINGER

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